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TAGS: PORG, PFOR, IV

SUB: DAKAR AFRO-ARAB MEETING: IVORY COAST

REF: STATE 087612

1. AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS AFRO-ARAB MEETING DAKAR WITH FONMIN USHER ON APRIL 14. AMBASSADOR RAISED TOPIC OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. USHER DISCUSSED GENERAL ARAB PRESSURE ON AFRICANS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER AFRO-ARAB MEETING MIGHT ADOPT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN, USHER THOUGHT IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THIS COULD COME UP AGAIN. IVORY COAST POSITION IS CLEARLY OPPOSED TO SUCH ACTION BUT GOIC IS IN MINORITY. I REMINDIED HIM OF THE KEY ROLE HE HAD PLAYED AT OAU SUMMIT LAST YEAR ON THIS SUBJECT AND HE SAID THAT OF COURSE HE WOULD TAKE SIMILAR POSITION THIS YEAR AGAINST EXPULSION.

3. USHER SAID THAT IN PREPARATION FOR THE AFRO-ARAB MEETING THE AFRO-ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK IN KHARTOUM WAS STARTING TO MAKE "POLITICAL" LOANS ALL OVER AFRICA TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR ARAB POSITIONS. WHILE IVORY COAST COULD AFFORD TO RESIST SUCH PRESSURES, MANY OTHERS CANNOT, GIVEN THEIR SITUATONS.

4. USHER LEAVE FOR DAKAR ON APRIL 17 AND WILL RETURN HERE APRIL 23 FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE GOING TO JOIN PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IN GENEVA AND GO ON WITH HIM TO APRIS FOR STATE VISIT MAY 3-6.

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